



Nashoba Associated Board of Health
Environmental Services
30 Central Ave. Ayer, MA 01432

RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC SCHEDULE

The Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, in cooperation with local veterinarians, will provide rabies immunizations for dogs and cats.

It is important that your cat(s) and dog(s) are immunized in the manner prescribed below for them to be considered protected against rabies. Since household pets provide a potential pathway for humans to contract rabies, it cannot be stressed strongly enough to make sure your pet(s) is properly vaccinated.

10.02: Rabies Vaccinations Required for Dogs, Cats and Ferrets

- (1) Any person possessing a dog, cat or ferret shall have the animal vaccinated against Rabies by a licensed veterinarian:
 - a. no later than six months of age but not earlier than is indicated on the vaccine label; or,
 - b. within 30 days of acquisition or entry into Massachusetts, if the animal is over six months of age, unless proof is available that the animal is already Currently Vaccinated.
- (2) A dog, cat or ferret shall be considered Currently Vaccinated effective 28 days after the date of initial vaccination, and for a period of one calendar year from the date of vaccination, in accordance with the vaccine label. Thereafter, all dogs, cats and ferrets shall continue to receive booster vaccinations at intervals according to the vaccine label.
- (3) An animal that has received at least one Rabies vaccine in its lifetime but, has not received a booster vaccination prior to the expiration date of its last Rabies vaccination, will be considered Currently Vaccinated immediately following administration of a Rabies vaccine and the vaccine will be good for the duration indicated on the product label.
- (4) An animal whose owner cannot provide proof of at least one previous Rabies vaccination will be considered Unvaccinated. *(excerpt from Massachusetts regulations - 330CMR10.00, Prevention of the Spread of Rabies)*

Any animal that is not considered legally vaccinated and is exposed to rabies must be confined in isolation for three months followed by one-month strict confinement (or be euthanized) according to State Regulations.

Cats must be brought in cages or closed boxes during the last half of the clinic. The tag for 2020 will be a red heart. The charge per immunization is \$15.00. Residents of Nashoba member towns may attend any of the clinics. **Make check payable to the Veterinarian.**

**PET OWNERS NEED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF PAST VACCINATION FOR RABIES;
THIS WILL ENABLE THE VETERINARIAN TO ASSESS YOUR ANIMAL
VACCINATION STATUS.**

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Rabies immunization for dogs and cats over six (6) months of age, not previously immunized, and those with a Blue rosette (2017) rabies tag must be immunized. Depending on the vaccination status of your dog or cat the veterinarian will inform you of the effective vaccination duration for the vaccination given. **MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO THE VETERINARIAN**

ALL DOGS AND CATS MUST BE IMMUNIZED AGAINST RABIES

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<u>TOWN</u>	<u>VETERINARIAN</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Ashburnham <u>Dogs must be on leash, cats must be in a carrier</u>	Warner	Sat., 3/7 <u>*CASH OR CHECK ONLY*</u>	1:00-3:00 pm	Gardner Animal Shelter 899 West Broadway
*Ashby/ Townsend	Flanagan <u>*Must bring copy of Rabies Cert.*</u>	Sat., 3/28	9:00-11:00am	Townsend Highway Dept., 177 Main St
Ayer	Carpenter <u>*CASH ONLY*</u>	Sat., 3/14	2:00-3:00pm	Ayer Animal Hospital 196 W. Main St.
*Berlin	Bianco <u>*CASH ONLY*</u>	Sat., 3/28	8:30-10:00am	Highway Barn 112 West St
Groton/ Dunstable	Horowitz	Sat., 4/11	12:00 -1:00pm	Groton Fire Station 45 Farmers Row
Harvard	Carpenter	Sat., 4/4	1:00-2:00pm	Harvard Town Garage 47 Depot Rd.
*Lancaster	Bianco <u>*CASH ONLY*</u>	Sat., 3/28	10:30-12:00pm	Lancaster Town Hall Parking Lot
Littleton/ Boxboro	Brooks	Sat., 3/14	1:00-3:00pm	Littleton Animal Hospital 29 King St.
*Pepperell	Flanagan <u>*CASH/CHECKS ONLY</u>	Sat., 3/21	9:00-12:00pm	Jersey Street Fire Station
Shirley	Norelli	Sat., 3/21	9:00-11:00am	Shirley Animal Hospital 38 Parker Rd.